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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT: Probable Goulart Interest in Meeting with
President Kennedy**

1. It is likely that Goulart is interested in such a meeting primarily to indicate his own significance on the world stage and to counteract accusations that his regime is tainted with Communism.
2. We have no hard information indicating that Goulart is interested in taking up any particular topic with President Kennedy. A Brazilian newspaper which sometimes serves as a spokesman for Goulart said on 27 June that he would ask President Kennedy: "How long will the US persist in its purposeful aloofness from Brazilian policy denying us the support which we deem necessary?" This does not clarify the question as to which specific subjects Goulart may raise but it suggests that Goulart will seek to complain of US treatment. A newspaper linked with ex-finance minister Dantas states that Goulart will discuss the purchase of the American and Foreign Power subsidiaries but Dantas may no longer be in a position to know.
3. Goulart may seek to take up the topic of USAID's agreements with individual states and assert that this practice has a weakening effect on Brazil's federal government. He would probably use as an example the large amount of aid which has gone to the state of Guanabara (the former federal district of Rio de Janeiro) and he would emphasize that Guanabara Governor Lacerda is the leading civilian opponent of the Goulart regime. Goulart would probably also have in mind the AID agreements with various northeast governors--particularly the one with Rio Grande do Norte Governor Aluisio Alves which has produced important favorable publicity for the Alliance for

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Progress in Brazil. In fact, agreements by individual states with AID are now approved in final form by such federal government agencies as SUDENE but the Goulart regime probably would prefer to have the initiative lie with the federal government. Western European and bloc countries have also been involved in direct financial negotiations with the Brazilian states.

4. There is also an outside chance that Goulart may want to take sounding on likely US reaction if Brazil should declare a moratorium on its foreign debt.

5. In the foreign policy field, Brazil might raise the topic of Cuban-US relations. Brazil has long sought to play the role of mediator between the two countries.

6. We have no indication that De Gaulle plans to go to Rome. If Goulart wants to talk to him, he will probably have to go to Paris.

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